

**Before the  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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| In the Matter of                               | ) |                      |
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| Flexibility for Delivery                       | ) | IB Docket No. 01-185 |
| Of Communications by                           | ) |                      |
| Mobile Satellite Service Providers             | ) |                      |
| In the 2 GHz Band, the L-Band, and the         | ) |                      |
| 1.6/2.4 GHz Band                               | ) |                      |
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| Amendment of Section 2.106 of the Commission's | ) | ET Docket No. 95-18  |
| Rules to Allocate Spectrum at 2 GHz for Use    | ) |                      |
| By the Mobile-Satellite Service                | ) |                      |

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

AT&T Wireless Services, Inc. ("AWS") respectfully requests an extension of time – from March 15, 2002 to May 1, 2002 – in which to submit the detailed technical comments requested by the Commission's Public Notice issued late on March 6, 2002 in the above-captioned proceeding.<sup>1/</sup>

The Commission asks a variety of very specific technical questions regarding the feasibility of the provision of mobile satellite service ("MSS") and terrestrial wireless service by separate providers over the same spectrum band and requests comprehensive proposals regarding the proper technical parameters that would govern such use of the spectrum, if feasible. In order to provide the "detailed technical discussion" requested by the Public Notice, AWS's engineers, and possibly outside consultants, will have to review thoroughly and analyze the Commission's questions, as well as the technical proposals recently submitted by Motient Satellite Services

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<sup>1/</sup> *Commission Staff Invites Technical Comments on the Certain Proposals to Permit Flexibility in the Delivery of Communications by Mobile Satellite Service Providers in the 2 GHz Band, the L-Band, and the 1.6/2.4 GHz Band*, IB Docket No. 01-185, ET Docket No. 95-18, Public Notice (rel. Mar. 6, 2002).

Subsidiary, LLC (“Motient”) and ICO Global Communications, Ltd. (“New ICO”), through *ex parte* filings.<sup>2/</sup> This process is inherently lengthy, and undue time limitations (such as the one-week comment date given in the Public Notice) would substantially limit the ability of commenters to provide accurate and thorough responses to the Commission’s questions.

Grant of this extension request would be in the public interest because it would give commenters sufficient time in which to address the important technical issues raised in the rulemaking proceeding and would provide the Commission with a more complete record on which to base its decision. Moreover, grant of this request will not prejudice any other party because MSS applicants already have received their licenses and may begin offering satellite services at any time they choose.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>2/</sup> See, e.g., *ex parte* filings of Motient on March 1, 2002, February 6, 2002, January 29, 2002, January 11, 2002, and New ICO on January 29, 2002.

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Catherine Carroll, hereby certify on this 7th Day of March, I caused copies of the foregoing "Request for Extension of Time" to be filed in IB Docket No. 01-185 and ET Docket No. 95-18, and sent to the following by electronic mail (\*) or U.S. Mail in accordance with the Commission's rules:

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